

IN THE CLAIMS

--1. (currently amended) A copyright licensing process promoting apparatus for promoting a copyright licensing process for literary work data desired to be transmitted from a first terminal unit of a first user to a second terminal unit of a second user via a communication network, comprising:

detecting means for accessing the first terminal unit of the first user by way of the communication network and for detecting at the first terminal unit a file of the literary work data ~~being to be~~ transmitted from a ~~the first~~ terminal unit to the communication network, said detecting means being operable to detect the file at the first terminal unit before the file is transmitted to the communication network;

content determining means for determining whether a content of the file ~~being to be~~ transmitted to the communication network and detected by said detecting means is valid; and

file processing means for performing a predetermined process for the file before the file is transmitted to the communication network when a result of said content determining means is not valid, wherein the predetermined process for the file is a destruction of the file.

--2. (currently amended) The copyright licensing process promoting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

searching means for searching for a location on a predetermined list, referenced via the communication network, at which the file of the literary work data is stored,

wherein said detecting means detects the file to be ~~being~~ transmitted, the file being stored at the location searched by said searching means.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (currently amended) The copyright licensing process promoting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

literary work data determining means for determining whether the content of the file to be ~~being~~ transmitted is literary work data; and

copyright licensing process determining means for determining whether a copyright licensing process has been performed for the literary work data,

wherein said content determining means determines that the content of the file is valid corresponding to a result of said literary work data determining means and a result of said copyright licensing process determining means, and said

literary work data determining means represents that the content of the file is literary work data and said copyright licensing process determining means represents that the copyright licensing process has not been performed for the file.

5-6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) The copyright licensing process promoting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

informing means for informing ~~a~~the first user of the first terminal unit that the content of the file is not valid when a result of said content determining means represents that the content of the file is not valid,

wherein said file processing means performs the predetermined process when the first terminal unit tries to transmit the file although said informing means has informed the first user that the content of the file is not valid.

8. (currently amended) A copyright licensing process promoting method for promoting a copyright licensing process for literary work data desired to be transmitted from a first terminal unit of a first user to a second terminal unit of a

second user via a communication network, comprising the steps of:

accessing the first terminal unit of the first user by way of the communication network and detecting at the first terminal unit a file of literary work data being—to be transmitted from a—the first terminal unit to the communication network;

determining whether a content of the file ~~being—to be~~ transmitted to the communication network and detected at the step of detecting is valid; and

performing a predetermined process for the file before the file is transmitted when a result at the step of determining represents that the content of the file is not valid, wherein the predetermined process for the file is a destruction of the file,

the step of detecting being operable to detect the file at the first terminal unit before the file is transmitted to the communication network.

9. (currently amended) A copyright licensing process promoting program causing a computer device to perform a copyright licensing process promoting method for promoting a copyright licensing process for literary work data desired to be transmitted from a first terminal unit of a first user to a

second terminal unit of a second user via a communication network, comprising the steps of:

accessing the first terminal unit of the first user by way of the communication network and detecting at the first terminal unit a file of literary work data being—to be transmitted from a—the first terminal unit to the communication network;

determining whether a content of the file ~~being—to be~~ transmitted to the communication network and detected at the step of detecting is valid; and

performing a predetermined process for the file before the file is transmitted when a result at the step of determining represents that the content of the file is not valid, wherein the predetermined process for the file is a destruction of the file,

the step of detecting being operable to detect the file at the first terminal unit before the file is transmitted to the communication network.

10. (currently amended) The copyright licensing process promoting program as set forth in claim 9,

wherein the copyright licensing process promoting program is supplied from the communication network to the first terminal unit.

11. (currently amended) The copyright licensing process promoting program as set forth in claim 9,

wherein the copyright licensing process promoting program is built in the first terminal unit.

12. (currently amended) The copyright licensing process promoting program as set forth in claim 9,

wherein the copyright licensing process promoting program is recorded on a record medium along with literary work data and supplied to the first terminal unit.

13. (currently amended) A record medium on which a computer readable copyright licensing process promoting program is recorded, the program causing a computer device to perform a copyright licensing process promoting method for promoting a copyright licensing process for literary work data desired to be transmitted from a first terminal unit of a first user to a second terminal unit of a second user via a communication network, comprising the steps of:

accessing the first terminal unit of the first user by way of the communication network and detecting at the first terminal unit a file of literary work data being—to be transmitted from a—the first terminal unit to the communication network;

determining whether a content of the file ~~being~~to be transmitted to the communication network and detected at the step of detecting is valid; and

performing a predetermined process for the file before the file is transmitted when a result at the step of determining represents that the content of the file is not valid, wherein the predetermined process for the file is a destruction of the file,

the step of detecting being operable to detect the file at the first terminal unit before the file is transmitted to the communication network.

14. (currently amended) A record medium on which a computer readable copyright licensing process promoting program is recorded along with literary work data, the program causing a computer device to perform a copyright licensing process promoting method for promoting a copyright licensing process for the literary work data desired to be transmitted from a first terminal unit of a first user to a second terminal unit of a second user via a communication network, the program comprising the steps of:

accessing the first terminal unit of the first user by way of the communication network and detecting at the first terminal unit a file of literary work data ~~being~~to be

transmitted from a—the first terminal unit to the communication network;

determining whether a content of the file ~~being~~to be transmitted to the communication network and detected at the step of detecting is valid; and

performing a predetermined process for the file before the file is transmitted when a result at the step of determining represents that the content of the file is not valid, wherein the predetermined process for the file is a destruction of the file,

the step of detecting being operable to detect the file at the first terminal unit before the file is transmitted to the communication network.